

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Edmanson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and noticed that this meeting is being held in compliance with Delaware's Open Public Meeting Act by posting the agenda on March 23, 2012, in the following manner:

- a. The electronic sign; and
- b. The Official Bulletin Boards; and
- c. The official Town of Camden Web Site.

Mayor Edmanson led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence and acknowledged the presence of Senator Brian Bushweller.

Present for this meeting were Councilman Green and King, Casquarelli, Dougherty and Mayor-Elect. Also present were Town Solicitor Craig Eliassen, Police Chief William Bryson and Town Clerk Charlotte Klauder.

**AMENDMENTS**

The following amendments have been added:

- Work Session minutes
- Thomas Harmon Drive

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Town Hall will be closed Friday, April 2, 2012 in observance of Good Friday

**MINUTES**

Motion made by Councilman Casquarelli, seconded by Councilman Dougherty, to approve the March 5<sup>th</sup> regular meeting minutes as submitted. By a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman King, to approve the March 26<sup>th</sup> work session minutes as submitted. By a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Letter received March 12, 2012 from Dr. Richard Kolcynski with regard to delinquent taxes has been received and on file in the Town Clerk's office.

**REPORTS**

Councilman Green announced the Town has been able to bank approximately \$300,000 in monies collected, i.e. restitution and building permits, in savings accounts. The proposed FY 2013/2012 draft budget will be presented at the May meeting.

Chief Bryson's report included but was not limited to traffic arrests and criminal activity. He announced former Town Manager James O. Plumley III plead guilty and will be sentenced May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Chief Bryson clarified concerns relative to a “high-speed chase” in Newell’s Creek, which was brought to the attention of Council. He stated this was not a high-speed chase, rather several agencies responding to a pursuit of a suspect fleeing a burglary within the Briar Park development entering into the Newell’s Creek community. He further indicated one of the suspects was a resident of the Newell’s Creek community.

Mr. Tom Rigsby of the CWFD reported 185 ambulance calls and 38 fire calls, and reminded residents May 1<sup>st</sup> is no burning.

Mr. Mark Dyer was present on behalf of the Camden-Wyoming Sewer and Water Authority reported the following: next meeting will be held April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.; CWSWA will be relining pipes from sewer connectors; budget process may be moved up a month as their accountant had been selected to be an umpire for the little league world series.

Ms. Tracey Green reported the Friends of Camden Historic House & Garden Tour or Old Camden Days is scheduled for June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., and their next meeting is scheduled for the April 17<sup>th</sup> at Barclay Farms Clubhouse.

Ms. Anne Gravatt, Byway Coordinator with DelDOT, spoke of the Harriet Tubman Byway which will run through Camden.

Mayor Edmanson reported Council is moving forward in the search for a new Town Manager and Finance Officer, indicating interviews will be scheduled within a couple of weeks.

#### **OLD BUSINESS - Thomas Harmon Drive Road Modification Update**

Ms. Klauder stated staff has been in contact with DelDOT with regard to obtaining the necessary equipment and specs relative to the closing.

#### **NEW BUSINESS – Storm Drain Issues**

Councilman Casquarelli reported on the status of the identified storm drain issues. He stated the Town had received funds and identified which drains are failing resulting in sinkholes. He indicated the Town will begin the bid process shortly for repairs.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Arthur Norton stated he did not feel it was necessary to hire a Town Manager.

Ms. Eileen Scanlon addressed Chief Bryson regarding the “high-speed” chase in the Newell’s Creek community, indicating she had sent an email to Council, wherein she expressed her concerns for public safety when police vehicles are traveling at what is perceived as high rates of speed in a residential community.

Mayor Edmanson stated he was taken aback by a second email had been received, wherein the tone and language used. He reassured Ms. Scanlon emailed concerns are appropriate, however they should be addressed to the Police Chief as Council are not involved in police matters.

Chief Bryson questioned whether or not a resident would want an officer to respond quickly if it were their home being burglarized.

Mr. Charles Altevogt expressed dismay at the Camden Police telling Wal-Mart security to release a person claiming to be an illegal immigrant from custody after stealing a bicycle.

Chief Bryson stated Camden officers would not have responded in that manner.

Ms. Jill Fuchs stated the agenda was not on the website. Ms. Klauder verified the agenda was indeed posted under the Town Council Agendas page.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman Green stated he was working on the budget which will be presented for first reading at the May meeting. He commented the budget will be balanced and there will not be a tax increase, even if that means closing Town Hall for a few days or selling maintenance equipment.

Mr. Norton questioned how much money was in savings. Mr. Green stated approximately \$300,000.

Councilman Casquarelli informed the public he is reviewing the current maintenance contracts, i.e. HVAC, generator, etc.

Mayor Edmanson commented Council held a Work Session wherein Council met in accordance with FOIA to discuss strategies.

Councilman King expressed his appreciation to Mr. Scott, Jr. for his efforts relative to cataloging equipment and making suggestions as to what may be sold.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Casquarelli, and carried by a unanimous favorable voice vote the regular session was recessed at 8:03 p.m. to open an Executive Session to discuss matters relative to personnel. Upon favorable voice vote the motion carried.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:00 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Casquarelli, and carried by a unanimous voice vote the regular meeting was adjourned.

*Charlotte L. Klauder*  
Town Clerk